New England Common Assessment Program

Released Items 2009

Grade 7 Mathematics

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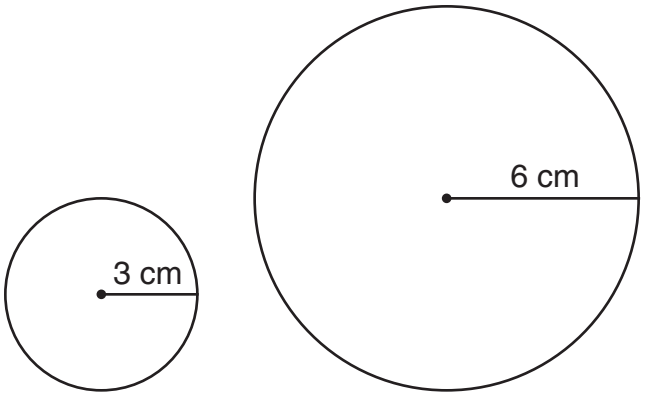

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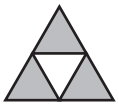
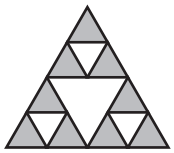
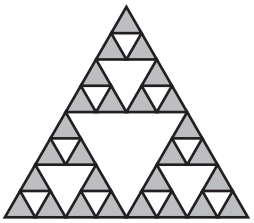
2		3
3		9
4		27

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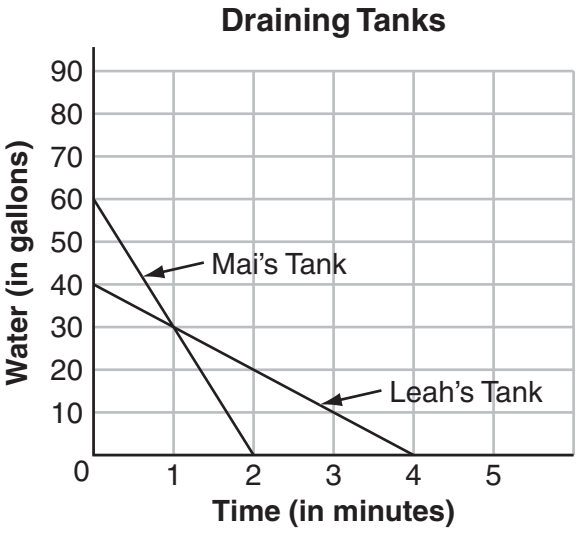

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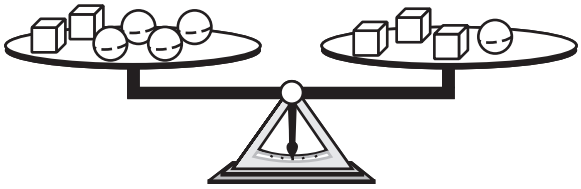

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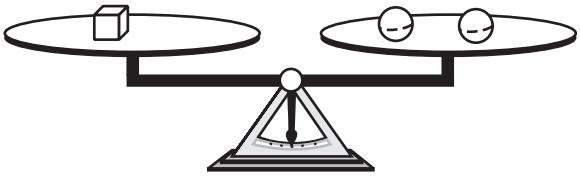
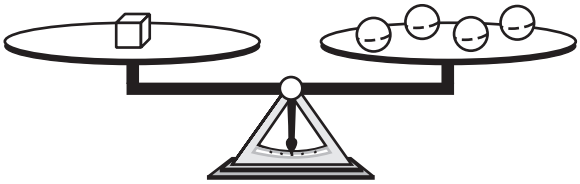
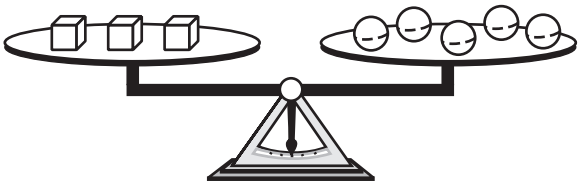
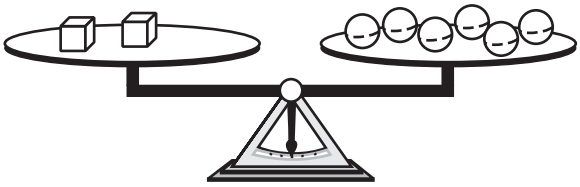
A. 

B. 

C. 

D. 

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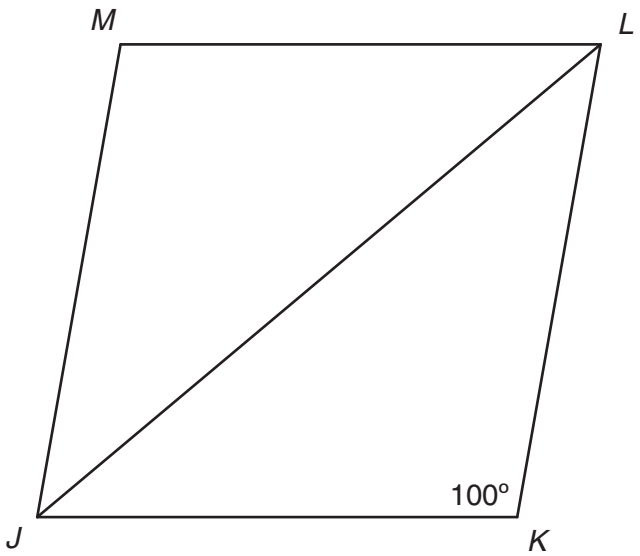
obtuse	isosceles
right	scalene

a. *JKLM* is a rhombus.



Describe triangle *JKL* using one word from List A and one word from List B. Explain why each word you use describes the triangle.

Rectangle *PQRS* is not shown. Rectangle *PQRS* is not a square.

b. Describe triangle *PSQ* using one word from List A and one word from List B. Explain why each word you use describes the triangle.

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NECAP 2009 RELEASED ITEMS
GRADE 7 MATH

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N&O 6.3 **Demonstrates conceptual understanding of mathematical operations** by describing or illustrating the meaning of a power by representing the relationship between the base (whole number) and the exponent (whole number) (e.g.,3^3,4^3); and the effect on the magnitude of a whole number when multiplying or dividing it by a whole number, decimal, or fraction.

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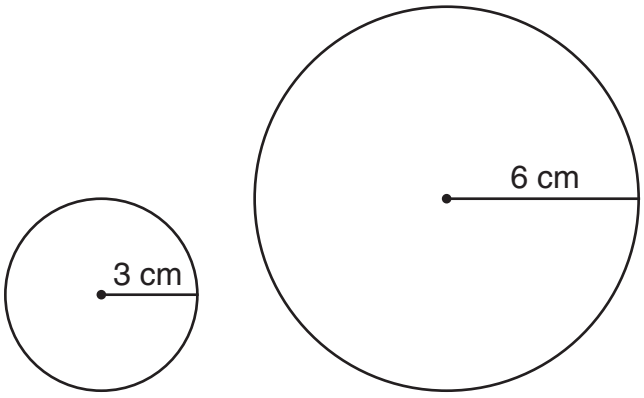

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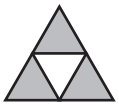
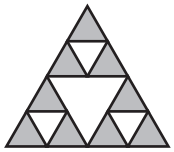
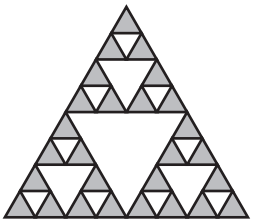
2		3
3		9
4		27

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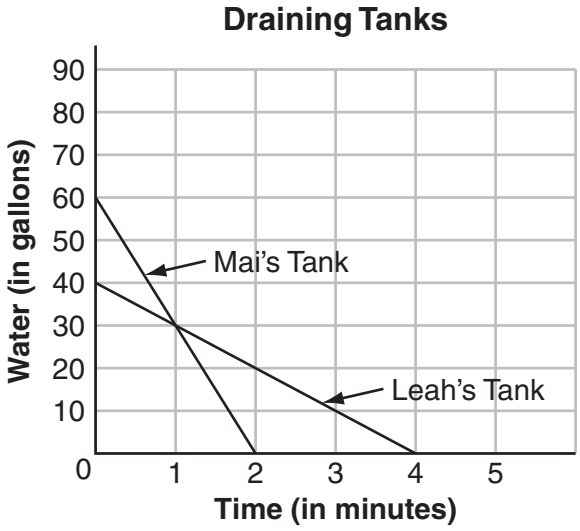

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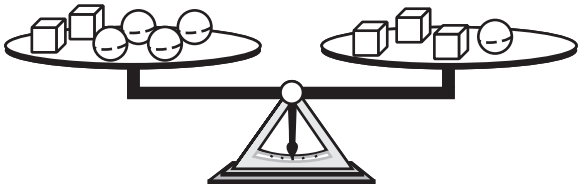

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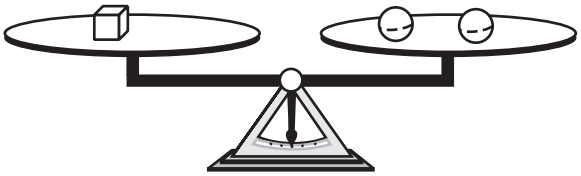

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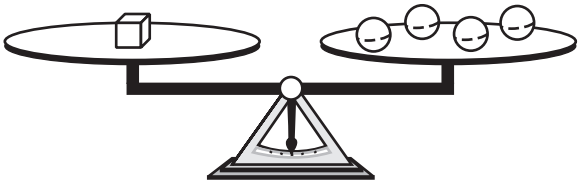

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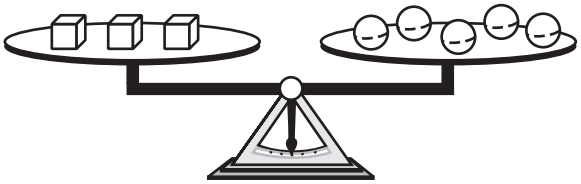

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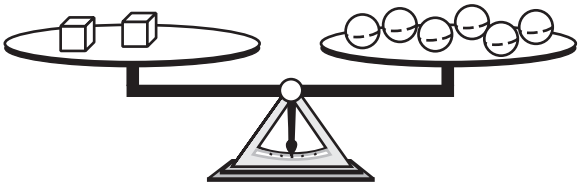

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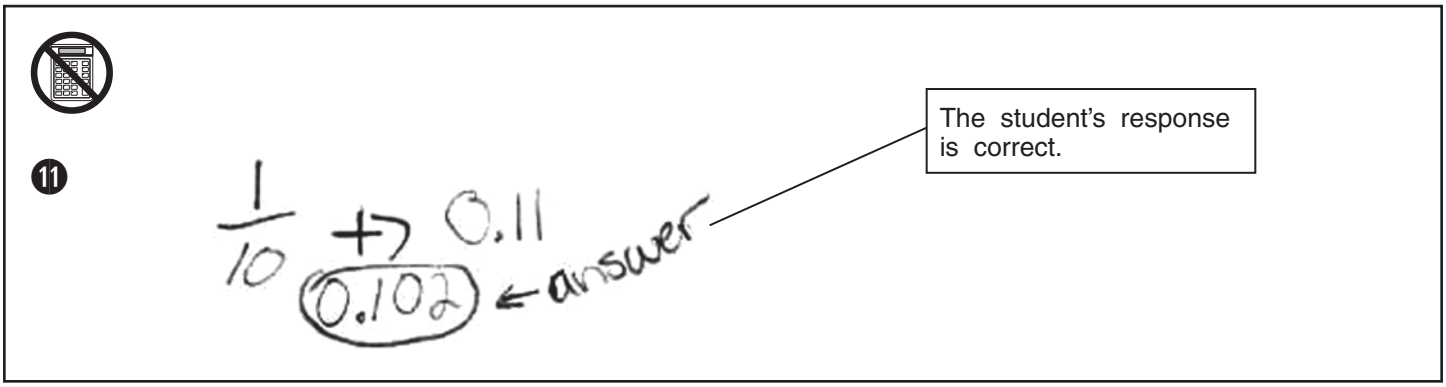

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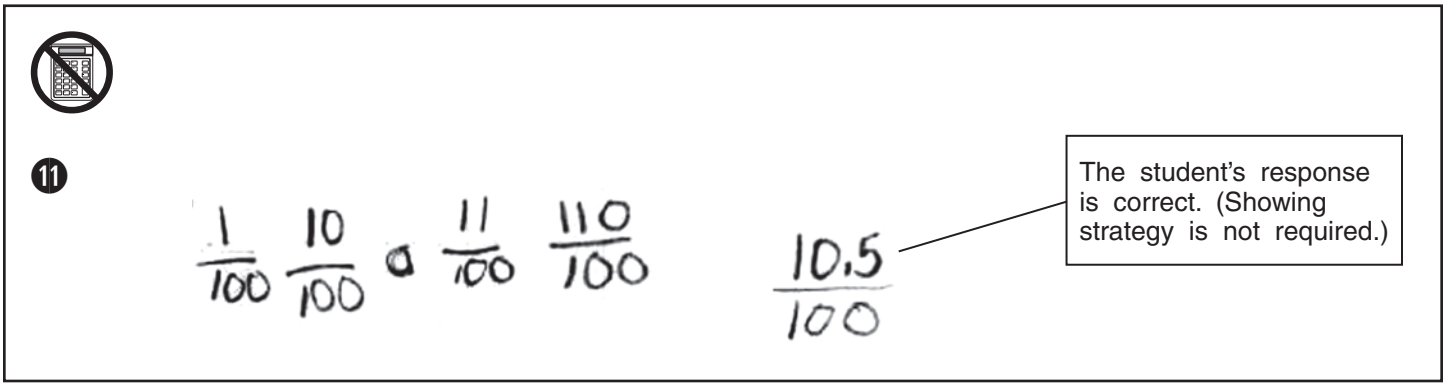

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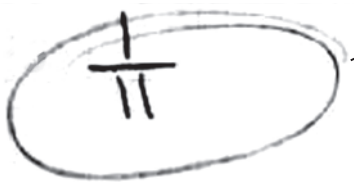

The student's response is incorrect.

Score Point 0
(Example B)

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Score Point 1
(Example A)

12 8 out of 100 or 2 out of 25

The student's response is correct.

Score Point 1
(Example B)

12 One in 12.5.

The student's response is correct.

SCORE POINT 0
(EXAMPLE A)

12 1 out of 5 chances

The student's response is incorrect.

SCORE POINT 0
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12 . It is very onlikly Demo will eat first.

The student's response is insufficient.

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Sample Response:

The ratio is 3:2 so there are 5 parts
30 ÷ 5 = each part is 6 ounces
3 parts red × 6 oz = 18 ounces

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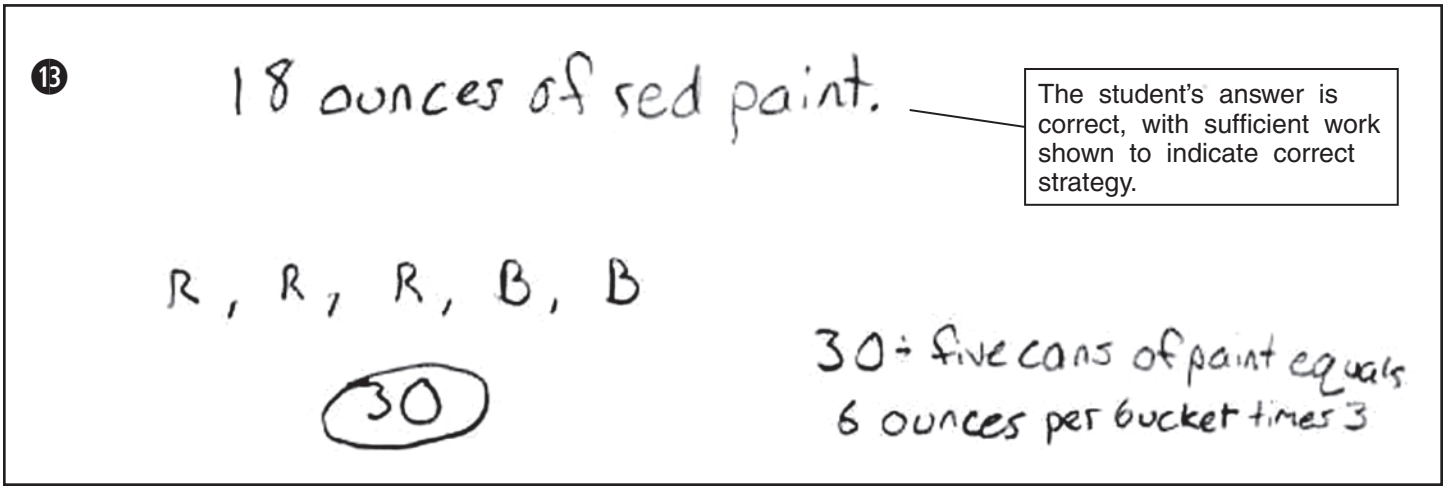
(Example A)



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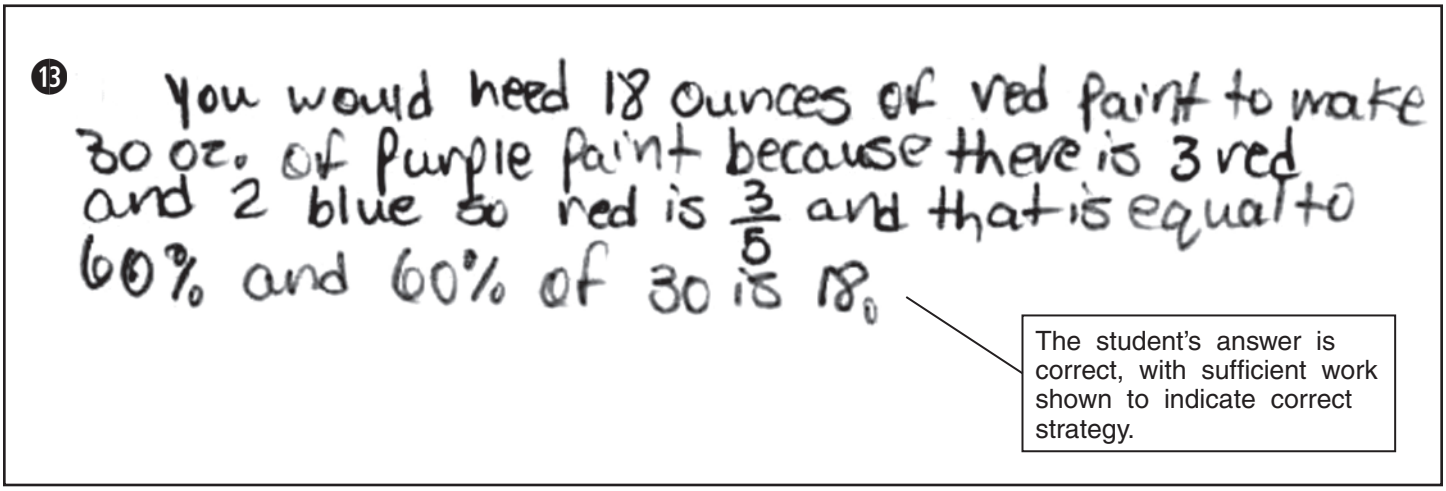

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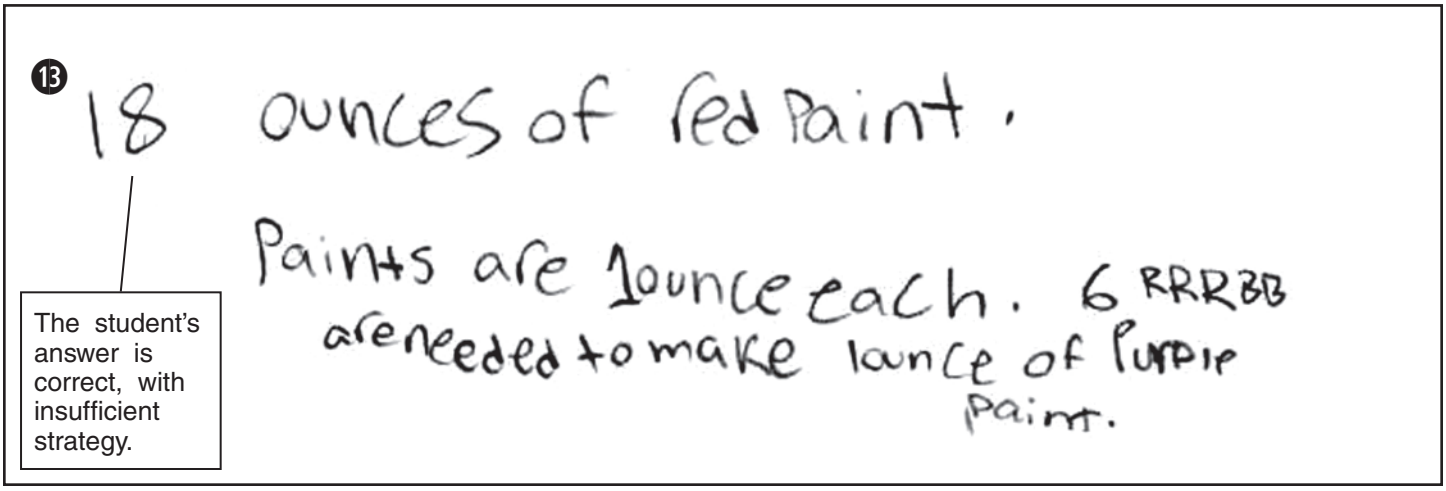

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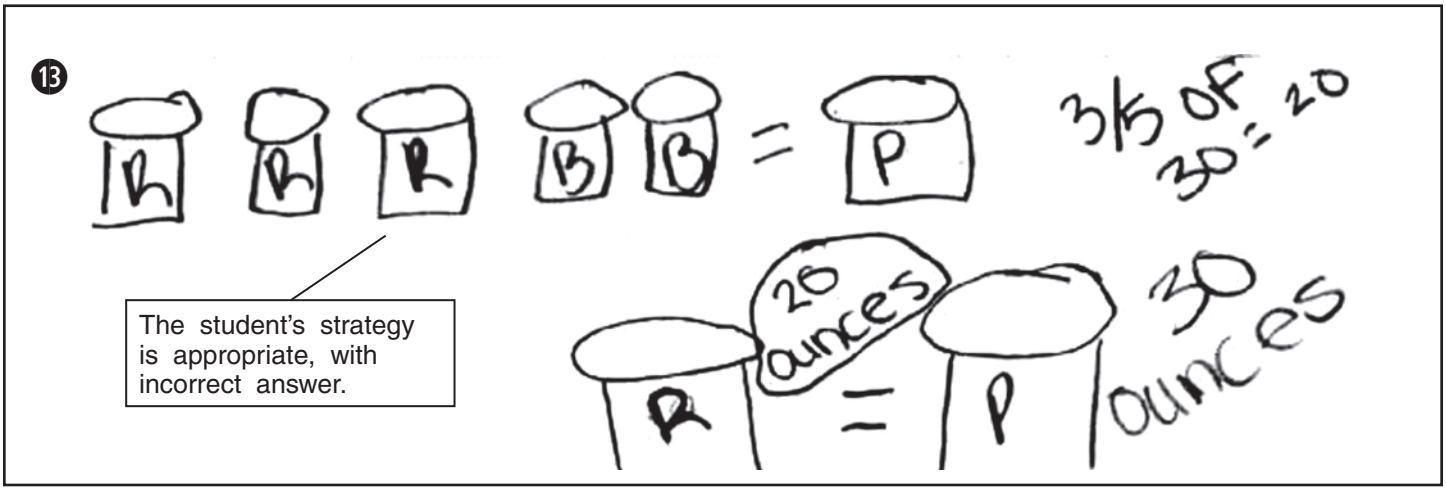

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(EXAMPLE A)

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you would need 10 onces of red paint and 15 ounces of blue.

$3\overline{)30}\ 10$ $\quad 2\overline{)30}\ 15$

The student's strategy is incorrect.

SCORE POINT 0
(EXAMPLE B)

13

Ratio = 3/2

$30 \times 3 = 90$

$\frac{3}{2} = \frac{x}{30}$

$2\overline{)90}\ 45$

The student's strategy is incorrect.

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Sample Response:

f = 25000 + 1500 × 6 = 25000 + 9000 = 34000. The fine is \$34,000.

Score Point 2
(Example A)

14

$f = 25,000 + 1,500d$
$f = 25,000 + 1,500 \times 6$
$f = 25,000 + 9,000$
$f = 34,000$

The fine is $34,000 because $1,500 \times 6 = 9000$ and $9000 + 25,000 = 34000$.

The student's answer is correct, with sufficient work shown to indicate correct strategy.

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(Example B)

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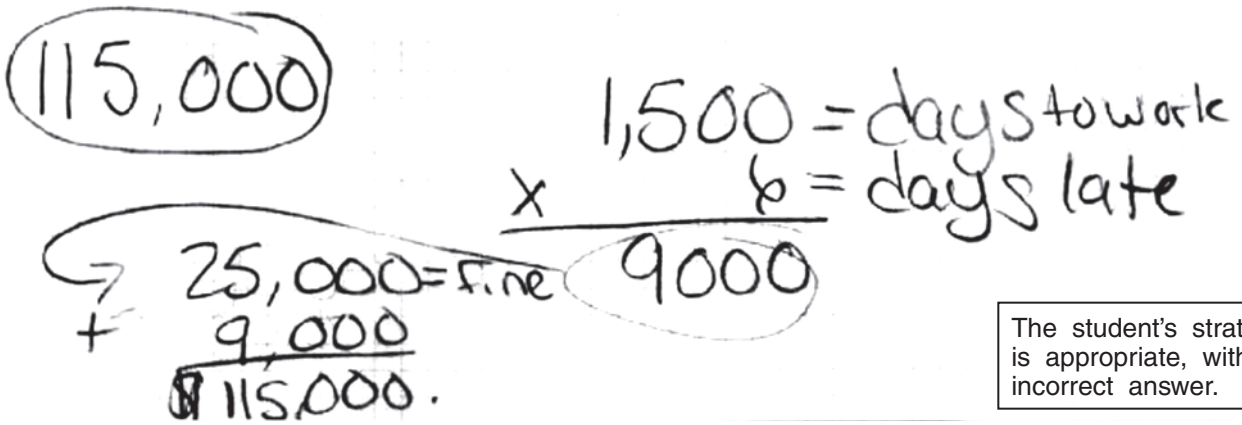

The student's strategy is appropriate, with incorrect answer.

Score Point 0
(Example A)

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I think it is 26,500. I added up 25,000 and 1,500. Thats how I got my answer.

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SCORE POINT 0
(EXAMPLE B)

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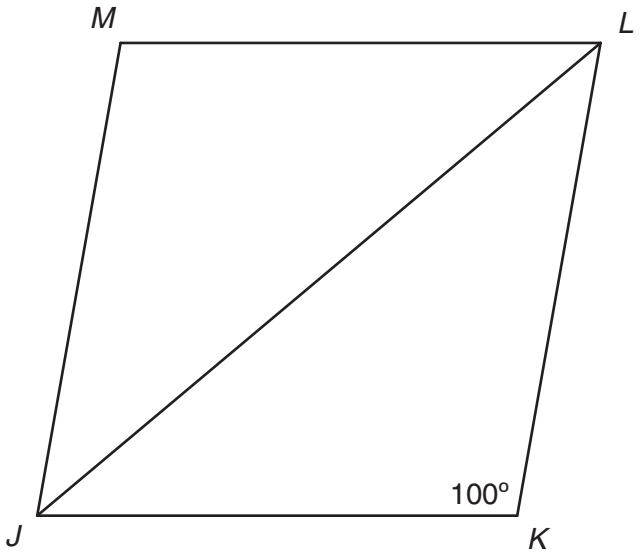
The student's strategy is incorrect.

G&M 6.1 **Uses properties or attributes of angles** (right, acute, or obtuse) **or sides** (number of congruent sides, parallelism, or perpendicularity) **to identify, describe, classify, or distinguish** among different types of triangles (right, acute, obtuse, equiangular, scalene, isosceles, or equilateral) or quadrilaterals (rectangles, squares, rhombi, trapezoids, or parallelograms).

15 Look at List A and List B.

List A	List B
acute	equilateral
obtuse	isosceles
right	scalene

a. *JKLM* is a rhombus.



Describe triangle *JKL* using one word from List A and one word from List B. Explain why each word you use describes the triangle.

Rectangle *PQRS* is not shown. Rectangle *PQRS* is not a square.

b. Describe triangle *PSQ* using one word from List A and one word from List B. Explain why each word you use describes the triangle.

Scoring Guide

Score	Description
4	4 points
3	3 points
2	2 points
1	1 point OR Shows minimal understanding of classifying triangles (e.g., 2 correct descriptors with no contradictory descriptors).
0	Response is incorrect or contains some correct work that is irrelevant to the skill or concept being measured.
Blank	No response

Training Notes

Part a:	2 points	for correct description, **isosceles and obtuse**, with sufficient explanation and no incorrect descriptors given
		OR
	1 point	for one correct descriptor with sufficient explanation, provided second descriptor is not logically inconsistent with correct descriptor or for both correct descriptors, with insufficient or no explanation given
Part b:	2 points	for correct description, **scalene and right**, with sufficient explanation and no incorrect descriptors given
		OR
	1 point	for one correct descriptor with sufficient explanation, provided second descriptor is not logically inconsistent with correct descriptor or for both correct descriptors, with sufficient or no explanation given

Notes: Penalize 1 point total for usage of unacceptable terms (“even”, “corner”, etc.).

SCORE POINT 4
(EXAMPLE A)

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a) The student's response is correct, with sufficient explanation.

A.) TRIANGLE JKL

* List A word: obtuse
This word describes the triangle because one of the angles in the triangle is more than 90° (obtuse) and the other two are less than 90° (acute)

* List B word: Isosceles
This word describes the triangle because two of the sides are equal and one is longer. That is what describes an isosceles triangle.

b) The student's response is correct, with sufficient explanation.

B) Triangle PSQ

* List A word: right
This word describes the triangle because if it is part of the rectangle it has to have a right angle.

* List B word: scalene
This word describes the triangle because all of the side lengths on the triangle are different.

SCORE POINT 3
(EXAMPLE A)

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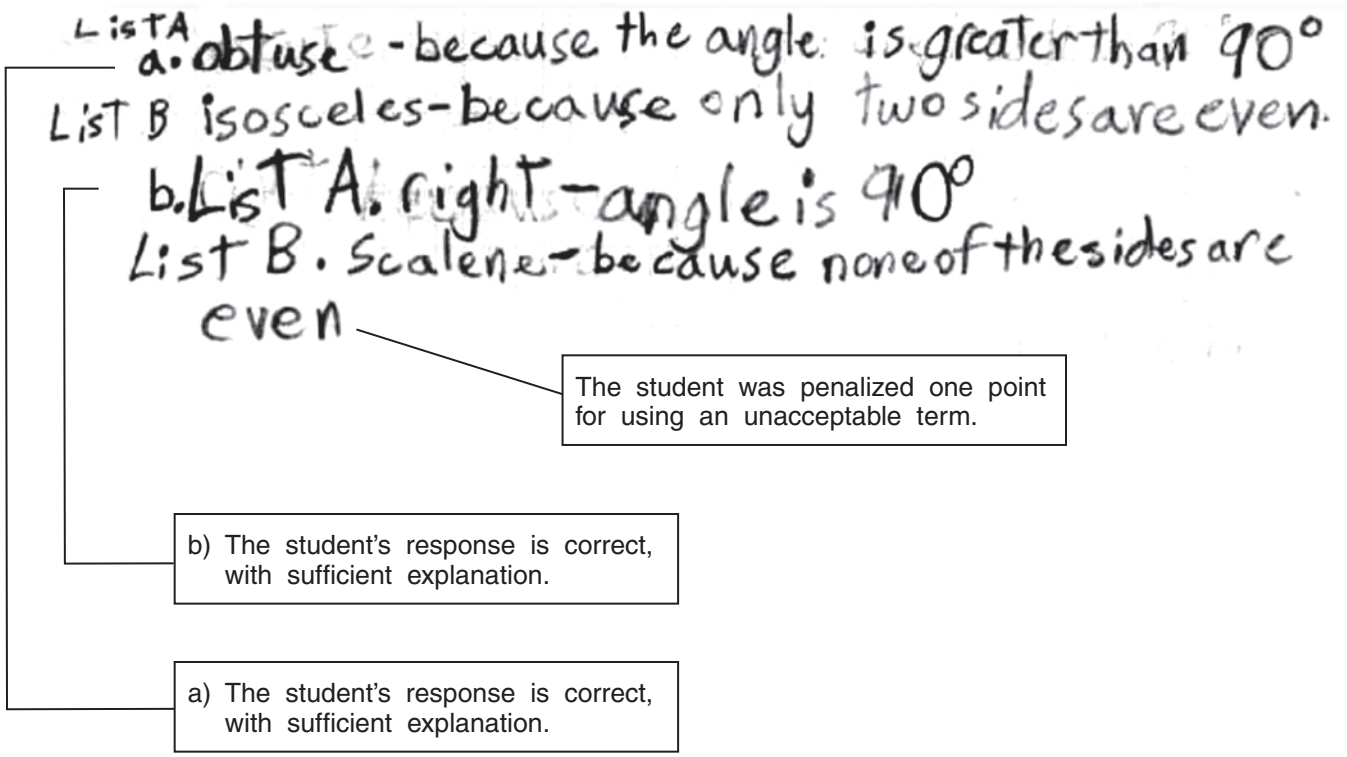

The student was penalized one point for using an unacceptable term.

b) The student's response is correct, with sufficient explanation.

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SCORE POINT 2
(EXAMPLE A)

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a. obtuse and scalene

JKL has an obtuse angle and it's scalene because no angles are the same.

b. right and isoscele

There would have to be a right angle and it have to be isosceles because it has 2 of the same angles.

b) The student's descriptor, right, is correct, with sufficient explanation. The incorrect descriptor, isosceles, is not logically inconsistent.

a) The student's descriptor, obtuse, is correct, with sufficient explanation. The incorrect descriptor, scalene, is not logically inconsistent.

SCORE POINT 2
(EXAMPLE B)

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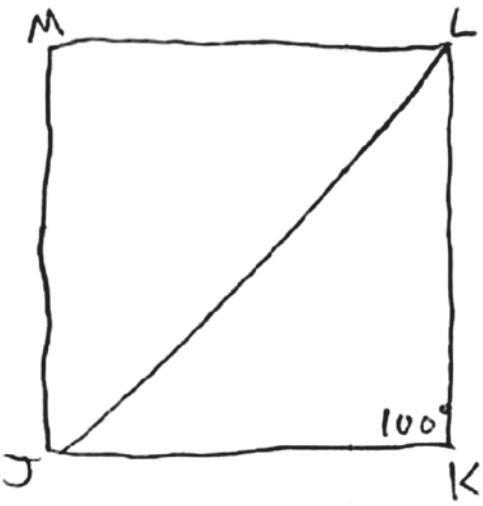

JKL = Obtuse, isosceles

a) The student's descriptors are correct, with no explanation.

PQRS = Right, scalene

b) The student's descriptors are correct, with no explanation.

SCORE POINT 1
(EXAMPLE A)

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a obtuse + scalene I chose because it is obtuse and scalene.

b right + scalene because it is right and scalene.

a) The student's descriptor, obtuse, is correct, with no explanation. The student's descriptor, scalene, is incorrect. (No credit is given for only one correct descriptor without explanation.)

b) The student's descriptors are correct, with no explanation.

SCORE POINT 0
(EXAMPLE A)

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a. I think it Is a Obtuse and a Scalene triagle

b. I would say it is Probly a acute and a isosceles triagle

a) The student's descriptor, obtuse, is correct, with no explanation. The student's descriptor, scalene, is incorrect. (No credit is given for only one correct descriptor without explanation.)

b) The student's descriptors are incorrect.

Grade 7 Mathematics Released Item Information

Released Item Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
No Tools Allowed		✓	✓					✓	✓		✓				
Content Strand[1]	NO	NO	NO	GM	GM	FA	FA	FA	FA	DP	NO	DP	NO	FA	GM
GLE Code	6-1	6-3	6-4	6-5	6-6	6-1	6-2	6-3	6-4	6-1	6-2	6-5	6-1	6-3	6-1
Depth of Knowledge Code	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
Item Type[2]	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	SA	SA	SA	SA	CR
Answer Key	A	A	D	A	A	B	C	B	D	B					
Total Possible Points	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4

[1]Content Strand: NO = Numbers & Operations, GM = Geometry & Measurement, FA = Functions & Algebra, DP = Data, Statistics, & Probability

[2]Item Type: MC = Multiple Choice, SA = Short Answer, CR = Constructed Response